



## ANPC ISSUES RED ALERTS TO THE POPULATION BY SMS

### ANPC issues public warning by SMS

The Portuguese National Coordination Centre declared the "red alert" for the National Mechanism for Rural Fire Fighting Operations (a "red alert" represents the maximum level of readiness and mobilization of civil protection forces and relief units). Therefore the Portuguese National Authority for Civil Protection (ANPC) will issue public warnings to the population, via SMS, in order to inform people about an extreme risk situation related to rural fires.

The SMS warning message include a reference to an ANPC contact telephone number, through which citizens can clarify any doubt they might have. The SMS will has no costs for the user, and does not require any subscription.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### WHY IS IT BE MADE?

- SMS warnings are issued to inform the population concerning an exceptional dangerous situation, related to rural fires, which causes the activation of the highest level of readiness and mobilization of operational forces ("red alert").

#### WHERE WILL IT BE DONE?

- Warnings are sent to the geographical areas covered by the "red alert" declared for National Mechanism for Rural Fire Fighting Operations.

#### WHO ISSUES THE WARNING?

- SMS are issued by the mobile telecommunications operators, at ANPC's request.
- The sender of the messages will ALWAYS appear as +351 214 247 247. Any SMS sent from similar senders should be ignored.
- The content of the message is entirely produced by ANPC and is not altered or modified by the communications operators.

#### WHO RECEIVES SMS?

- The SMS messages are addressed to any citizen who, at the moment that ANPC requests the "red alert" warning to be sent by the operators, is located in the affected districts and nearby areas.
- Roaming citizens will also receive SMS messages (in Portuguese and English).

#### HOW IS IT DONE?

- The SMS is sent simultaneously to all mobile phones, so it will be normal to have a time gap between the first and the last customers contacted.
- The message includes a reference to a contact number that citizens can use to clarify any doubts.
- In addition to an initial message, citizens may also be informed periodically about the maintenance of such alert level, and will receive information about its cancellation.

#### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

- The system has no cost to users.
- The system does not require any subscription.

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**ANPC SMS ALERT MESSAGES for FARO AND BEJA DISTRICTS SENT – 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2018**

With the declaration of the Special Red Alert Status for the districts of Faro and Beja, the National Authority for Civil Protection (ANPC) launched today, August 2, as planned, the SMS Preventive Warning System with the aim of informing the citizens of those districts of the high risk of rural fires and the contact number for further information. The contact number given in the original message at 0800 hrs was incorrect.

Subsequent SMS messages were sent correcting the mistake with apologies.

The CORRECT NUMBER TO CALL IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION IS 800 246 246 at the ANPC.

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#### Full Moon Operation - Judiciary Police and Republican National Guard detain narcotics traffickers at BOOM Festival

The Judicial Police, and the National Republican Guard, mainly through the command of Castelo Branco, developed a joint operation called "Full Moon", which resulted in the identification and arrest of 23 persons, most of them foreign nationals foreigners, for the alleged drug trafficking.

The arrests took place inside the grounds of the BOOM Festival in Idanha-a-Nova, in the context of combating trafficking, among others, the so-called synthetic drugs or design drugs, usually consumed at this type of event.

This operation, developed in close coordination with the services of the Public Prosecutor's Office of Castelo Branco and with the operational collaboration of several units, namely teams of Criminal Investigation and the Detachment of Intervention of the GNR and also with the presence in the field of a team of the Laboratory of Scientific Police of the Judiciary Police, was the culmination of an investigation begun three months ago, in order to signal and neutralize the action of individuals who travel to our country, with the sole purpose of marketing prohibited substances.

In addition to these arrests, 900 individual doses of liamba, 1800 hashish, 3650 MDMA, 75 cocaine, 1100 amphetamines have been seized in total, among other articles and drugs as yet unidentified. Also seized were 1216 ecstasy tablets, 801 LSD microsamines, 26 liquid LSD bottles, 40 LSD-impregnated gums, 216 grams of hallucinogenic mushrooms, 492 grams of DMT-impregnated plant substances, 130 grams Ketamine, 77 grams of opium, 47 mescaline micropoints, 11 precision balances, various computer, sound and image equipment and about 91,000 Euros in cash.

Those detained, aged between 22 and 48 years, were present at the first judicial interrogation, 4 of which were subject to pre-trial detention and 1 forbidden to re-enter the premises of the BOOM Festival.

The remaining 18 are still awaiting the decision on pre-trial conditions.

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Especially violent crime - organized crime

The Judicial Police, through the National Counterterrorism Unit (UNCT), detained a 42-year-old foreign man as part of an investigation for aggravated kidnapping and coercion, involving highly violent, organized and transnational criminality.

The arrest took place following a request for urgent cooperation from the French authorities stating that a citizen of that country was abducted and coerced by another individual inside a sailboat on the high seas.

In order to carry out the rescue operation of the victim, 28 years of age, the Judicial Police had the close collaboration of the Portuguese Navy and Air Force, as well as the Maritime Police in the location of the sailboat in question and with the first two in the respective approach.

The combined action of these entities, under the coordination of the National Unit Against Terrorism of the Judicial Police, was able to stop the kidnapping and ongoing coercion, rescuing the victim.

The UNCT also searched the vessel and seized a large amount of money and other relevant items.

The criminal investigation will continue in order to know the extent of the criminal actions in question.

The detainee was present at the first judicial interrogation at the criminal investigation court in Lisbon last Sunday, July 29, 2018, and in view of the seriousness of the crimes in question he was charged with, he was remanded in custody.

#### Hotel customers arrested for document forgery and computer fraud

The Judicial Police, through the Northern Board of Directors, identified and detained a man and a woman for the alleged falsification of documents and computer equipment, which occurred late yesterday afternoon at a hotel in the city of Porto.

The suspect couple attempted to make a payment for staying at the hotel using fraudulent credit card data in the name of a foreign citizen.

Following the steps taken by police, suspected false passports, as well as bank and tax documentation obtained with those documents, were seized from the suspects. Allegedly used for the commission of new offenses.

The true identity of the detainees is still to be established which will be fully clarified through international police cooperation.

The detainees, aged 20 and 47, will be present at the first judicial interrogation to decide appropriate pre-trial measures.